



Rabbi Benay Lappe

CSZ Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
February 20-22 at CSZ

The insightful and dynamic Rabbi Benay Lappe is returning to CSZ for a weekend filled with Jewish learning. Please plan to join us for this not-to-be missed spiritual learning experience (see page 2 for more information).

The following is the schedule for the weekend. Please mark your calendars. Registration will be handled electronically via Evite and through the office. Contact Melanie (x305 or scholarinresidence@shaarzahav.org)

Friday, February 20, 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Services led by Marsha Attie and the CSZ
Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble
Sermon by Rabbi Benay Lappe
Special Oneg reception
immediately following services.

Saturday, February 21

Torah Study 9-10 am
Shabbat Morning Services
10-11:30 am
Oneg Lunch 11:30-1:30 pm
Rabbi Benay Lappe Study
Session One 1:30-4 pm
Havdalah reception and a
fundraiser 7-10 pm
(Location/Details to be announced)

Sunday, February 22, 10-4 pm

Study Session Two 10-12:30 pm,
bagels and coffee provided
Luncheon 12:30-1:15 pm
Study Session Three 1:30-4 pm

Cost for the Saturday and Sunday Study Sessions

- CSZ members \$25 to assist in defraying the cost of the weekend
- Non-members a \$90 registration fee to attend weekend event
- Please note that there will be a separate invitation and contribution requested for the Saturday evening fundraising event.

The Rainbow Fund 5764 – Sustaining Our Community



The Rainbow Fund 5764 asked members of Sha'ar Zahav what they value about our community. Member Terry Fletcher reflected on her own experience and interviewed other CSZ members who gave and received bikkur cholim this past year:

Terry Fletcher:

When I was going through chemotherapy, CSZniks supported me in so many ways! One of my only fond memories of my chemotherapy treatments was Nicole Bloom and me filling the chemo treatment area with Hebrew songs as I was getting my infusion.

Barbara Cymrot:

Providing bikkur cholim is fun – you really get to know people's personalities. And the recipients are just incredibly grateful. I'm happy I found a community to do this with. I'm proud that we're part of that sea of humanity that does things for people, that we've joined that world that sees that as a value.

Phyllis Mintzer:

After I had my second surgery, I had a dream. I felt like I was floating down a very turbulent river on a raft that was being tossed around. And then in my dream hands appeared from everywhere and they steadied the raft. The raft went over a big cataract and didn't tip over because of all the hands. And that's what the Sha'ar Zahav community is. It steadies the raft that we're all on. Bikkur cholim enables George and me to live within the framework of a community instead of a framework of being ill. It's been a network that not only has helped us physically, but has really enriched our lives.

Steve Mazer

"Kol Yisrael achra'I zeh l'zeh" – all of Israel is responsible for one another. It is an important obligation and a wonderful privilege to support members of one's community. We are a caring community and have a tremendous capacity to rally together and support those in need.

Tu Bishvat Community Planting and Shabbat Service



Saturday, February 7, 10 am - noon
Bernal Heights Park

Celebrate the earth on Tu Bishvat by planting and davening with CSZ on Bernal Hill. Rabbi Angel and the students of Kadimah will lead us in a festive Shabbat service focused on the environment followed by planting with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. It's a time to marvel at the green restoration of our beautiful hills, get your hands dirty and do a mitzvah for the earth.

Prepare to plant by wearing clothes and shoes you can get dirty, sun or rain gear and gloves if you have them. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. Be advised that

the hill is steep. People with mobility issues will be challenged and young children will require careful supervision.

Meet at 10 am on the southwestern side of the hill at the end of Bernal Heights Blvd. by the white gate. There is some parking available at the dead end of the street. Other parking is available on adjacent neighborhood streets. Contact Sue (415/861-6932 x302 or educator@shaarzahav.org) for a map and more information.

Heavy rain and/or winds will move us to CSZ to join the regularly scheduled Shabbat morning service coupled with an indoor planting project.

From Rabbi Angel's Study Text I: A Parable

The ancient rabbis were sitting, composing what they called a Talmud. A question arose: How should we read the Torah? Is it best to understand it literally, heeding the command of every detail, or is there room for flexibility in interpretation? Before them the rabbis had records of earlier, more authoritative teachings, some of which supported one view and some another. What should they do? How should the Torah be read?

Their ruling came down: "It is a dispute of tannaitic sages," they said. This dispute would stand. No ultimate decision would be made. (see Talmud Bavli, Sanhedrin 45b)

Last year it was my great joy to bring you Rabbi Benay Lappe as our Scholar-in-Residence. This year, due to popular request, Rabbi Lappe returns to us February 20-22 for what promises to be another five-star CSZ event – not to mention a watershed moment in the history of gay and lesbian Jews. For we are among the very first people in all of Jewish history, who gather unabashedly bringing our inimitably gay and lesbian experience and perspective to the sacred texts of our tradition.

After Rabbi Lappe's visit last year, Benay left incredibly energized by our conversations and insights. Back in Chicago, she set to work to create SVARA. In her own words, "SVARA is a pluralist, non-heteronormative, traditionally radical yeshiva dedicated to engaging queer Jews and straight allies in the serious study of Talmud as a spiritual practice. Study is text-based, participatory and always stimulating challenging and exciting.

"SVARA is the only institution of its kind providing the necessary text skills and halachic (Jewish legal) expertise to Jews whose life experiences, insights and critique have yet to be included in the Jewish communal and halachic conversation, yet are so crucial for the health of the Jewish community and the continuing evolution of the Jewish tradition."

A chief influence in Rabbi Lappe's work is her former professor at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi David Kraemer. In his book *Reading the Rabbis* he writes, "The choice of one lens or



another has important consequences. The meaning of a text – what it has to say to us, what it demands of us – will be profoundly affected by this choice. Yet we need not decide upon a single lens, a single approach to reading. On the contrary, we should live with indecision and, as did the Talmudic rabbis, even respect it. Our various readings, side by side, will enrich our understanding and appreciation of the text at hand."

To borrow from a well-known Talmudic maxim: "The rest is commentary; come let us study" and create a lasting commentary.

I hope each and every one of you will want to take part in this extraordinary project.



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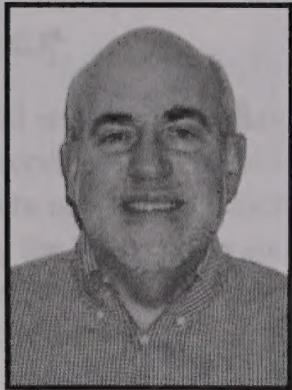
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Choices and Blessings

In December, CSZ Treasurer Karen Schiller and I led a Town Hall meeting to discuss the congregation's financial situation. We had a nice turnout for a Wednesday evening discussion about finances, but as with most Town Hall type meetings, the vast majority of CSZ congregants were not there. I'd like to use this month's column to get the message out to a wider audience about some of what was discussed that night, as well as to give you a sense of a few critical issues that will be on the Va'ad's agenda in the coming months. Also, by the time you read this, the materials that were distributed at the Town Hall meeting should have been made available to you electronically. Printed copies are also available through the CSZ office.

The current group of Officers and Va'ad members has been meeting since July 2003. It became clear after several months that the budget for this year that had been approved at the May 2003 Congregational Meeting was going to need to be substantially revised. A significant deficit would develop if we did not both alter the expense budget as well as execute better on our fundraising objectives. The Va'ad has acted to understand these financial challenges, and to make appropriate choices. At the Town Hall meeting, we described more than \$150,000 in expense reductions that the Va'ad has approved for the current fiscal year. These include a smaller professional staff, as well as a multitude of cuts we are making on the non-personnel side of the budget. In the personnel area, we chose not to fill the membership assistant position this year, and to forego hiring an executive director for the remainder of this year. We have also reduced from 20 to 10 the number of hours per week that our wonderful program director, Melanie Kushnir, will be working. I want to thank Melanie for all her efforts and for the positive attitude with which she has accepted this change.



Attendees at the Town Hall meeting also got a brief preview of the Rainbow Fund, our new annual campaign being led so ably by Marianne Balin and Tony Harris. By now, many of you have been asked to work on the campaign and contribute. I want to thank you, and to acknowledge the remarkable generosity of our community.

What comes next? First, as is our tradition, the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 2004 will be presented and discussed at both the March and April Va'ad meetings. It is our goal to develop as strong, sound and realistic a budget proposal as possible. Second, I can report to you that the Dues Committee, chaired by Tiela Chalmers, has been working for several months now on an assessment of our dues policy, which has not been changed in a major way since 1995. I expect that the committee will bring a preliminary proposal to the February Va'ad meeting. Should the Va'ad endorse a change to our dues structure, we will create a variety of forums for congregational discussion and feedback well in advance of the May Congregational Meeting. Lastly, the Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Claudia Bernard and Geoff Benjamin, is soon to conclude its work.

Our financial situation is forcing us to make choices, often difficult ones. But we see that out of these choices arise hidden blessings. We see members of our staff rising to the challenge of new responsibilities. We see leaders raising their hands to take on difficult challenges, in such complex areas as fundraising, dues policy, and expense control. We see members of the congregation stepping up to coordinate events and programs. And rather than save money by publishing our beloved newsletter less frequently, a group of talented members is leading us into the electronic era. All in all, we learn to appreciate even more that which we have, and we see that it is enough. And that by coming together in community, we can make it more than enough. Dayenu.

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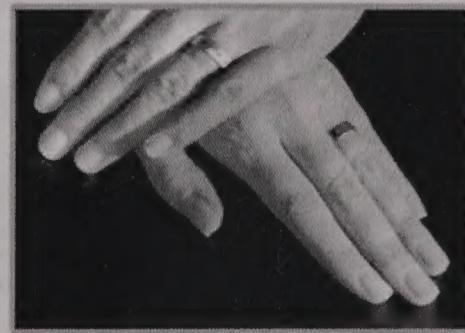
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Tu Bishvat Walk and Seder

Please join us for a Tu Bishvat celebration and walk on Saturday, February 7, 2:30 pm followed by a Havdalah service. We will welcome in the new year of trees with a walk between Baker Beach and Ocean Beach and with a Seder celebrating the seven fruits and grains cited in Deuteronomy 8:8 (wheat, barley, vines, figs, pomegranates, olives and honey from dates). More information will be provided in the weekly email.

Calling All Prospective Greeters for Brunch

Greeting is fun, easy, a wonderful way to meet people and learn their names, a wonderful schmoozing opportunity, and greatly appreciated by your co-congregates. If you want to volunteer at Sha'ar Zahav, but you're not ready to join a committee or do not have a lot of time, greeting is the perfect solution. You can sign up to greet once a month or more, on Fridays or Saturdays or for special events.

We will be hosting a brunch for current and prospective greeters on Sunday, February 1, 11 am. Please come if you're a seasoned greeter or interested in joining the Greeter Gang. If you're interested in signing up now for a greeter slot or attending the brunch, contact Sara (415) 641-5565 or SaraHaber@finisar.com.

Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Halloran-Couch

On Saturday, February 14 (Parashat Yitro), Charlotte Halloran-Couch will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Charlotte is an eighth grade student at Martin Luther King Middle School in Berkeley. She says she likes Berkeley's liberal politics. Her favorite school subjects are English and history. She likes writing; she is currently writing an adventure story



influenced by *Lord of the Rings*. She also enjoys reading, nature, riding her bike (a ten-minute ride to school) and baking (especially cookies).

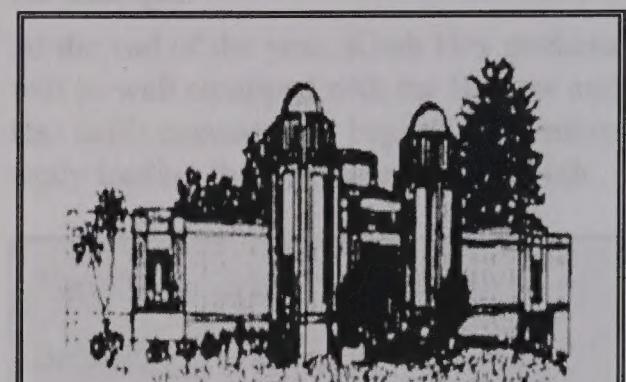
Charlotte has been preparing for her Bat Mitzvah for about a year, on both sides of the Bay. In the East Bay, she has learned the prayers from Reuben Zellman, whose sense of humor she likes. In San Francisco, she has studied prayerbook Hebrew and grammar (how to conjugate verbs) with her mentor, Rabbi Yoel Kahn.

What does her Bat Mitzvah mean to her? Charlotte said she definitely wants to keep learning about Judaism. She will be turning more to community service now. For example, she is participating in a tree planting. Charlotte says she will "contemplate religion and what it means to me," thinking of "God as the world as a whole."

Charlotte would like to thank Phyllis Mintzer, who has encouraged discussion and arguing different opinions. Also, she thanks

"Yoey, of course, for helping me work on my drash." She thanks Reuben Zellman and all her teachers. Finally, she thanks her parents for "keeping me going and making sure I do all the things I need to do for the Bat Mitzvah," including practicing her cantillation, reading her Torah portion, and doing her Hebrew homework.

Mazel tov to Charlotte and her family!



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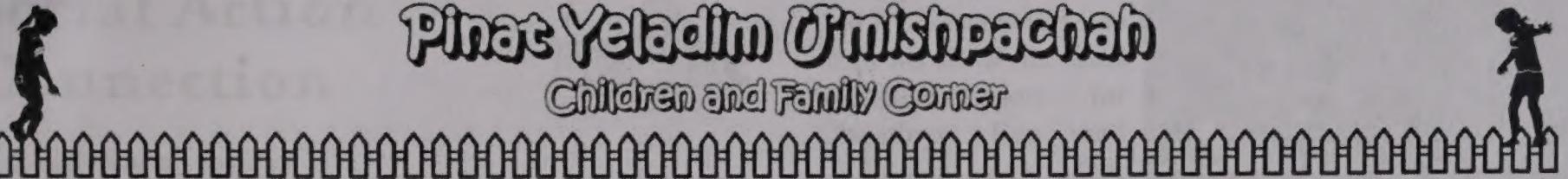
Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. Where there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

Pinat Yeladim Umishpachah

Children and Family Corner



Baby Chavurah

Sunday, February 8, 10 am to noon

Bring those under-tuos out to play, sing and commune with like-minded babes and their parents. Join us for potluck brunch, playtime and socializing. This month we meet at the synagogue. Please bring your baby and a vegetarian dish. Older siblings are welcome, as are nonmembers. Baby Chavurah meets the second Sunday of each month.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, February 20, 6:15 pm

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families and then stay for Friday night services. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come. Dinner is vegetarian potluck; please bring a dish to share. No RSVP required. Be a part of the *ruach* (spirit) of our community and invite friends and family to join you. Shabbat Shalom!

Young children age 2-7 are especially encouraged to join the Junior Junior Choir at services that evening. A brief practice session will follow dinner.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, Febuary 28,
10:30 - 11:30 am

Come celebrate Shabbat with your tot. Bring your 2- to 5-year-olds for singing, prayer, storytelling, crafts and Jewish family fun with Sandra Menachem, Early

Childhood Education Specialist. Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome.

Kadimah Class

Spotlight: Kitah Hey

Covering everything from questions about Abraham's archaic method of sending for a wife for Isaac to musings about the virtues of Rebecca to midrash on the emotional experiences of all of these biblical characters, Kitah Hey presented an amazing patchwork drash on *Hayyei Sarah* at Kadimah-led services on November 22. This kind of textual analysis is the core of their learning this year. Kitah Hey students (5th and 6th grade) study key parashot of the Torah along with centuries of Jewish commentary, learning along the way key commentators and, more importantly, how to add their own voices to our ever-evolving tradition. On Shabbat, they are led in their studies by third year Kadimah teacher Micah Morris, who sparks their textual exploration by presenting many new lenses through which to examine the text.

Kitah Hey students presented another collection of textual interpretations in a round-robin of board games they created using the prayers of the Shema. Having studied with Rabbi Angel and teacher Mira Waser the architecture of this core element of the service – moving from the *Barchu* through to the *Ge'ulah*, students were given the assignment to work with a parent making a game using each liturgical ele-

ment. The results were a wide array of innovative games requiring players to recite portions of the prayers, translate words, practice Hebrew reading and in one case, buy prayer properties. In addition to learning and understanding individual prayers and their relationships to one another in the liturgy, Kitah Hey students spend their Wednesday afternoons practicing Hebrew reading, expanding their vocabularies and studying key grammatical concepts.

At the end of the year, Kitah Hey students will be well equipped with the Hebrew and text skills necessary to begin the intensive study leading them to their *bnei mitzvah*.

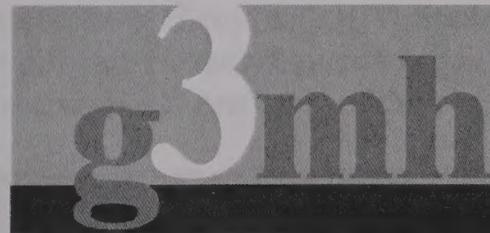
Bat Mitzvah Reminder

Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Halloran-Couch is February 14.

There is NO KADIMAH

February 14 or February 18

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Social Action Connection

by Susan Lubeck, co-chair



Thank You

To AJ Turpen-Fried, outgoing co-chair of the Social Action Committee (see box).

To Allan Berenstein and Laura Lowe for co-organizing this year's volunteer relief at Project Open Hand.

To Sarita Grotisser and Richard Weiner for co-organizing the December showing of *It is No Dream* about Israeli peace activists. The turnout of forty people exceeded expectations and was followed by a thoughtful discussion facilitated by Susan Colson. Thank you, Susan, for volunteering your time.

To all our volunteers who relieved regular Open Hand volunteers on December 24 and 25.

AJ Turpen-Fried

For two and a half years, AJ has brought his considerable commitment, compassion and consistency to tikkun olam at CSZ. He initiated several new programs, including the monthly Shabbat service at the Jewish Home for the Aged, periodic visits to prisoners, educational panels on trans and bisexual issues and on the history of activism at Sha'ar Zahav. He also initiated our most long-standing effort, the collaboration with Most Holy Redeemer parish to serve dinner to and eat with homeless neighbors on Wednesday nights. He continues to be involved in our exploration of faith-based community organizing and other social action efforts, as well as working with students in Kadimah and serving on the CEB. Thank you AJ.

Project Open Hand for the Holidays: A Roaring Success!

It is so wonderful to be able to report that this year we filled all but one slot for our annual takeover of Project Open Hand for the holidays. Project Open Hand prepares and delivers hot meals and groceries to clients with HIV disease and other illnesses that make it difficult for the recipient to cook for him or herself. The clients receive meals every day of the year.



Every year Sha'ar Zahav and JFCS volunteers step in to fill all of the usual volunteer spots for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Our assistance allows Project Open Hand to prepare and deliver meals even though the regular volunteers are out of town or spending Christmas with their families.

The morning brought lots and lots of vegetables that needed chopping, peeling and julienning. We even chopped the dreaded onions! The next shift staffed the conveyor belt. Containers went by and food went in. Finally our teams of volunteers showed up to deliver the meals to all of the clients who receive hot meals every day.

Thanks to everyone who participated. We really appreciate how easy you make it for those of us who help to organize this undertaking. We look forward to next year.

Upcoming

February 7, 10 am – noon, Tu Bishvat planting

Services and planting for Tu Bishvat. For details, contact AJ (ajs-parkles@mac.com).

April 25, Rebuilding Together Weekend

Mark your calendars. Join with other Sha'ar Zahavniks for one of our most popular service opportunities. Over the course of a day you will help renovate a nonprofit facility or the home of a low-income, elderly or disabled San Franciscan. For more information, contact Randy Blaustein (randyellen@netzero.net).

Every Wednesday

Dinner with homeless neighbors at Most Holy Redeemer at 18th Street and Diamond in the Castro. Arrive any time between 4 and 9 pm and look for Larry Wong of Sha'ar Zahav, or Ron, the volunteer coordinator. You will be warmly welcomed!

Social Action Email List and Committee Meeting

Look in the weekly email and announcement sheet for a meeting to be scheduled in late February or early March. For more information, or to be placed on the social action email list, contact Susan Lubeck (susanlubeck@aol.com).

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Roslyn Fuerman worked "behind the scenes" for the *JGF* as Advertising Coordinator. Roslyn resigned her position in December. With her keen eye, creativeness and strong customer service skills Roslyn assured that the *JGF* advertisers requirements were met and exceeded over the years. Thank you.

Batya Kalis graciously welcomed me as a new editor and now that I have gotten my feet on the ground has decided to resign. Batya has been a member of the Newsletter Committee for several years and many editors. Batya's knowledge of the community and sense of history has enriched everyone who has read *JGF*. A deep felt thanks to Batya.

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Karen Schiller was editor of the *JGF* for three years and now is treasurer of the shul. Karen passed "the torch" of editing to me offering gentle words of guidance and support. For this I am truly grateful. Thank you Karen for all of your contributions during the years and for ushering us into the electronic age.

Rainbow Fund – Volunteers Needed

Volunteer to spend a Sunday evening to sustain Sha'ar Zahav. The Rainbow Fund needs your help for our Phonathon 5764. Come learn, nosh, get to know CSZ members and help us reach our goal of \$100,000.

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Arnie Jackson

- in memory of Louis Jackson.

Batya Kalis

- in memory of Phillip Kalis and
Sherman Kalis.

Eileen Lynette and Charlene O'Neill

- in honor of Jacob Wirtschafter and
Gary Larson and their new home.
- in honor of Irene Ogus and
Susan Langdon and their new home.

Nancy Meyer

- in memory of Henry L. Meyer.

Robert Morelli

- in honor of George Mintzer.

Florence and Steven Nacamulli.

William Rhodes.

Terry Rose

- in honor of Shai Garcia-Goldberg,
Avi Goldberg and Will Garcia.

Gerald Rosenstein

- in memory of Max Rosenstein,
Sophie Rosten, Ernie Lobet,
Ernst Rosenstein, Hans Rosenstein
and Ann Lenway.

Stephen Rosenthal.

Jeffrey Sherman

- in memory of Ida and Joe Rosenthal.

Arthur Slepian and Gerry Llamado

- in honor of Aaron Goldman-
MacLachlan's becoming Bar Mitzvah.
- in honor of Shai Garcia-Goldberg,
Avi Goldberg and Will Garcia.
- in honor of Marty Rawlings-Fein's
welcoming into the covenant.
- in honor of Bob Morelli's welcoming
into the covenant.

David Stein

- in memory of his aunt, Alma Suchat.

Susan Tubbesing and Sarah Nathe

- in memory of Aunt Fay.
- in honor of the birth of
Hannah Claire McIver.

Jeff Weil

- in memory of Max Weil.

Lonnie Weiss

- in honor of Aaron Goldman-
MacLachlan's becoming Bar Mitzvah.
- in honor of Tzipora Prochovnick's
becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Thea Wernick

- in honor of Marc Wernick.
- in memory of Ted Wernick.

Vincent Williams.

Andrew and Michele Williamson

- in memory of Leon LeMeteyer.

Inclusive Liturgy Fund

Roslyn Fuerman.

Batya Kalis

- in memory of Dorothy Hodes.

Miriam Trentman

- in memory of Henry Trentman.

In-kind donations

Anonymous

for High Holiday 5764 supplies.

Marsha Attie

for CDs.

Lisa Szer

for phone headsets in the CSZ office.

Alex Ingersoll

for plants in our sanctuary.

Music Fund

Roslyn Fuerman.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Allan Berenstein

- in honor of Bob Morelli.

Rena Frantz and Ora Prochovnick

- in honor of Rabbi Angel for her
work with Tzipora.

Avi Goldberg and William Garcia

- in honor of Gabby Volodarsky.

Joan Goldman

- with gratitude for Rabbi Angel.

Andrea Guerra

- in honor of Rabbi Angel.
- in honor of Paul Cohen.
- in honor of Steve Mazer.
- in honor of Lisa Szer.

Robert Morelli

- in honor of Rabbi Angel.

Edward Pollock

- in memory of Alan Ellis.

Janis Portal.

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- in memory of Chaim Szer.

Birthdays

1 Joan Goldman
3 Yishai Begley
3 Paula Fleisher
4 Denise Gordon
5 Steve Weitz
5 Julia Rose Kibben
5 Patricia Byers
5 Ami Zusman
6 Steven Diller
6 Andy Fyne
6 Parker Windesheim-Zigas
7 Oscar Klausner
7 Ida Kuluk
8 Susan Belau
9 Mark Freeman
10 Samuel Tucker
10 Ruth Miguel
10 Elias Ross-Trupin
11 Marion Williamson
11 Emma Abinanti-Sena
12 David Steinberg
12 Joan Lefkowitz
12 Itai Bojdak-Yates
13 Dafna Wu
13 Avi Goldberg
13 Leva Choden
14 Beth Ross
14 Sasha Goldberg
14 Irene Ogas
14 Susan Unger
14 Lisa DiGirolamo
14 Avraham Giannini
18 Lauren Augusta
18 Nancy Muller
19 Steven Mazer
20 Hilary Zaid
20 James Edlin
21 Andrew Schwartz
21 Felicia Park-Rogers
21 Amy Scharf
22 Susan Tubbings
24 Elizabeth Priest
25 Nancy Silverrod
25 Alex Ingersoll
26 Ethan Frazin
26 Erin Powers
27 Benjamin Rainero-de Haan
27 Nancy Brunn
27 Neil Rosenbaum
28 Danny Kodmur
28 Steven Gaynes
28 Julie Dorf



Oneg, Flower and Childcare Sponsorships

12/12

Oneg was sponsored by **Miriam Trentman** in honor of Robert Morelli's welcoming into the Covenant.

Bimah flowers were sponsored by **Eric Johansson** in memory of his grandmother, Avis Callman.

12/19

Bimah flowers were sponsored by the **Family of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan** in memory of Elijah Michael Silverrod Maclachlan and in honor of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan's becoming Bar Mitzvah.

Friday night Oneg was sponsored by the **Family of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan** in honor of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan's becoming Bar Mitzvah.

Friday night Childcare was sponsored by the **Family of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan** in honor of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan's becoming Bar Mitzvah.

Saturday Oneg was sponsored by the **Family of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan** in honor of Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan's becoming Bar Mitzvah.

12/26

Bimah flowers were sponsored by **Shelli Rawlings-Fein** in honor of Marty's welcoming into the Covenant.

Friday night Childcare was sponsored by **Janet Klein and Lisa DiGirolamo** in honor of the birth of Mitch Moeller, son of their friends Heidi Queen and Russ Moeller.

Yahrzeits

- 1 Steven Richter
- 2 Stephen Walters
- 4 John Atteridge
- 6 Ronald Wilmot
- 14 Barbara Rosenblum
- 15 Alan Ellis
- 17 Jason Gaber
- 17 Allen Harris
- 23 Leland Vogel



Naches

Randy Blaustein on her new position as Recreation Coordinator at the Mills-Peninsula Health Services Senior Focus.



Kim Warsaw and Judith Holiber on the birth of their daughter, Rachel Leah Warsaw.

Bob Morelli on his entry into the Covenant.

Aaron Goldman-Maclachlan on becoming Bar Mitzvah.

Ruth Rainero on running the Honolulu marathon and raising nearly \$7,000 for the SF AIDS Foundation.

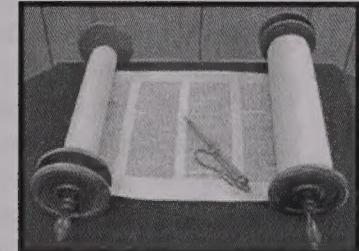
Alan Foss, who graduated from SJSU with a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science.

Marty Rawlings-Fein on his welcoming into the Covenant.

Hilary Zaid and Lauren Augusta on the birth of their son, **Gil'i Dov Augusta Zaid**.

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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Alisa Gilden

Boo Bookbinder

Robert Berbardo

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Anniversaries



6 Barbara Cymrot and
Dafna Wu

14 Joan Lefkowitz and Stacey Shuster

21 Lele Field and Rachel Field

Condolences

Susan Leff, on the death of her aunt,
Jacqueline Zuckerman.

Ann Daniels, on the death of her uncle,
Eugene Gordon.

Karen Segal, on the death of her uncle,
Sol Segal.

Rachael Reiley, on the death of her
grandmother, Helen Reiley.

Laurie Schmidt, on the death of her
father, John Charles Schmidt.

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